THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 19th December 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Selection Committee for the Basic Training School in Pudukkottai Division

* 368 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of non-official members in the Committee constituted by the Government in 1956 to select trainees for the Basic Training School in Pudukkottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district for the year 1956; and

(*b*) whether non-officials from parties other than Congress and Independents have been included in the selection committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Only one non-official member apart from the President, District Board, Tiruchirappalli, has been nominated as per orders on the subject.

(*b*) No, Sir.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Does this one non-official member happen to be the President of the Pudukkottai District Congress Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As I have already stated only one non-official member has been appointed and he is a Member of the Tamilnad Congress Committee.

Registration of handlooms in the State

* 369 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have fixed any time-limit for the registration of handlooms in the State;

(*b*) whether any instructions have been given to the registration officers regarding the method to be adopted in registering the handlooms; and

(*c*) if so, the details thereof?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The time-limit fixed for the compulsory registration of handlooms was 30th November 1956, as instructed by the Government of India. The Textile Commissioner has been addressed for extension of time. It is expected that time till the end of February 1957 will be given.

(b) & (c) The answers[a] are placed on the table of the House.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know whether any penalty is prescribed for the non-registration of handlooms? May I also know the steps the Government are taking for widely publicising that the handloom weavers should register their handlooms?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that nearly 75 per cent of the handlooms have already been registered and all necessary steps have been taken, certain particulars of which are given in the paper laid on the table of the House.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : The officers are registering in some places only the house owners and in other places those who possess the looms also. I understand that most of the workers who work for wages are left alone. May I know whether Government have issued any specific orders in this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would refer the hon. Member to the paper placed on the table of the House.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : What is the purpose or the idea behind the registration of handlooms?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have more than once answered this question on the floor of this House, Sir. The main purpose is to collect the necessary data, which is essential for any scheme for the permanent rehabilitation of the handloom weavers.

Vaigai Reservoir Scheme

* 370 Q.—SRI A. IYANAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Kunnur village in Periyakulam taluk will be affected by the Vaigai Reservoir Scheme; and

(b) if so, the nature of the compensation proposed to be given to the parties affected?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The lands, buildings, trees, etc., affected are being acquired under the usual provisions of the Land Acquisition Act,

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 234 infra.